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1. SINCE REFTTEL, WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER WORD FROM IBRASHI ON STATUS OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IN TELCON MARCH 15, HE TOLD POLCOUNS NO REACTION TO REVISED DRAFT YET RECEIVED FROM HIS SUPERIORS.

2. IN EFFORT EXPEDITE MATTERS, AMBASSADOR CALLED UNDER SECRETARY AHMED OSMAN, MARCH 16, TO INQUIRE RE STATUS. OSMAN PROFESSED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. HE CLAIMED IT HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IBRASHI HAD MADE SOME MINOR SUGGESTIONS IN OUR DRAFT, WHICH WERE AGREEABLE TO US. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN STYMIED FOR PAST WEEK AND THAT IBRASHI HAD EVEN TALKED ABOUT POSSIBLE NEED TO DO A NEW DRAFT TEXT.

3. AMBASSADOR RECALLED OSMAN HAD EARLIER ASSURED HIM THAT, ONCE DRAFT TEXT AVAILABLE FOR STUDY BY THE TWO SIDES, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FINALIZE EXCHANGE IN NO MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

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WELL OVER TWO WEEKS HAVE NOW GONE BY AND THERE STILL

NO INDICATION WHEN EXCHANGE OF NOTES CAN TAKE
PLACE. MEANWHILE, SFM PERSONNEL ARE ON THE GROUND,
COMING TO EGYPT AS NEEDED ON OFFICIAL MISSIONS AND
UNCOVERED. AMBASSADOR URGED THAT OSMAN TAKE NEEDED
STEPS TO EXPEDITE FINALIZATION OF SUCH EXCHANGE.

4. OSMAN PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER IN ORDER
TO MOVE IT FORWARD. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH
IBRASHI AS APPROPRIATE.
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